

0941.65876



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#66a  
m  
6-15-04

In Re U.S. Patent Application )  
)  
Applicant: Hirano et al. )  
)  
Conf. No. 7774 )  
)  
Serial No. 09/965,615 )  
)  
Filed: September 27, 2001 )  
)  
For: LOAD/UNLOAD OPERATION )  
CONTROL METHOD AND )  
STORAGE APPARATUS )  
)  
Art Unit: 2651 )  
)  
Examiner: Negron, Daniell L. )

*I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as FIRST-CLASS mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this date.*

June 3, 2004  
Date  
F-CLASS.WCM  
Appr. February 20, 1998

Joseph P. Fox  
Registration No. 41,760  
Attorney for Applicant

RECEIVED

JUN 10 2004

Technology Center 2600

AMENDMENT A

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2003, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows: